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: USE OF A BACULOVIRUS TO EXPRESS AN EXOGENOUS GENE IN

A MAMMALIAN CELL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

A nucleic acid comprising: --26.

a baculovirus genome;

an exogenous gene selected from the group consisting of antisense genes, RNA decoy genes, and ribozyme genes; and

an exogenous promoter selected from the group consisting of mammalian promoters, promoters of long-terminal repeats of retroviruses, promoters of long-terminal repeats of transposable elements, the Simiah Virus 40 early promoter, the cytomegalovirus immediate early/promoter, the adenovirus major late promoter, and the Hepatitis B promoter, wherein said gene is operably linked to said promoter .--